



2008 SEASON REPORT



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PANTHER FIRE AUGUST 17

2008 SEASON OVERVIEW

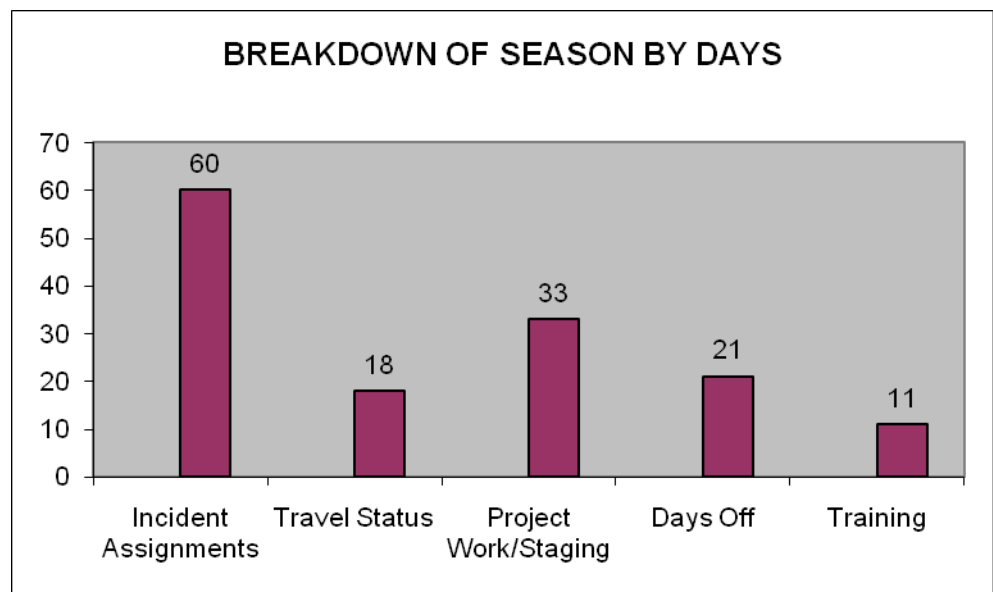


Gunbarrel Fire Sept 1, 2008

The Craig Interagency Hotshot Crew is part of the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Program, and is based at the Bureau of Land Management's Little Snake Field Office in Craig, Colorado. The crew started critical training on April 28th and ended the season on September 27th. During this time, the crew was dispatched to seventeen incidents in six different states and completed three 14-day assignments.

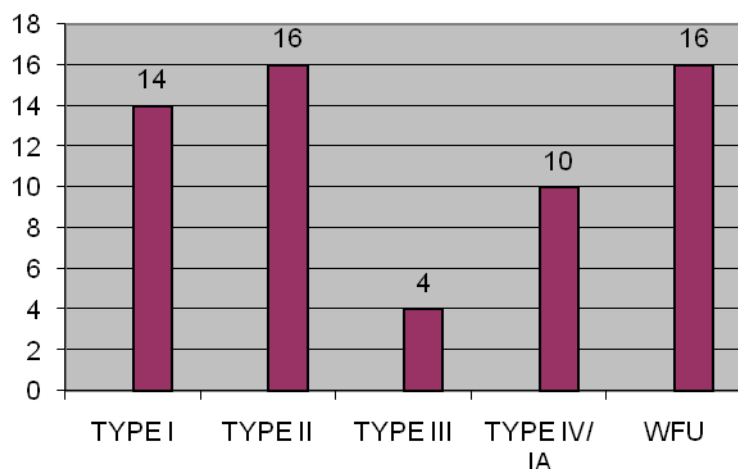
The fire season started slowly and the crew did not get a fire assignment until mid June. While fire season never reached the levels of past seasons, the crew stayed busy with project work. The combinations of project work and fire assignments kept the crew busy for the season.

We were able to balance our suppression activities by performing project work, putting on training exercises, and conducting Fire Readiness activities. The following chart illustrates our season's breakdown by days. Please refer to the following pages for additional information regarding fire assignments and project work.



FIRE ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY

FIRE ASSIGNMENT BREAKDOWN



We began our critical training on April 28th. Our first assignment was to NM for prescribed fire support. Weather prevented the prescribe fire from happening and we completed our tour doing fuels work. We next traveled to WY for project work. While there, we were dispatched on June 10th to our first fire, the Bridger Fire. July we were busy with IA and supporting fires in CO. In August we traveled to Northern CA for the Panther Fire. This was a good assignment for the crew as we were assigned to the Burn Group. Project work and a few fires helped end the season.

Incident Dates	State	Management Type	Fuel Type	Fire Size	Incident Name
5/21-23	NM	1	2	G	Pelona Mnt RX
5/24-25	NM	3	3	C	Pie Town RX
6/11-15	CO	2	2	G	Bridger
6/24-25	AZ	2	2	F	Hot Air
6/26-7/1	AZ	2	2	G	Ethan
7/2	AZ	4	4	C	Hostler (IA)
7/10-15	CO	2	3	F	Grand Complex WFU
7/11	CO	3	3	C	Mesa Asst. IA
7/16-17	CO	4	3	C	Whistle
7/19	CO	4	1	C	Overholt IA
7/20-21	CO	4	3	C	San Juan ABC
7/29-30	CO	4	2	D	Chief IA
8/1-17	CA	1	4	G	Panther
8/22-31	WY	1/2	4	G	Gubarrel WFU
9/15-16	CO	3	3	C	Dolores
9/18-24	OR	2	4	G	Lonesome
9/25	WY	4	1	A	Tire (IA)

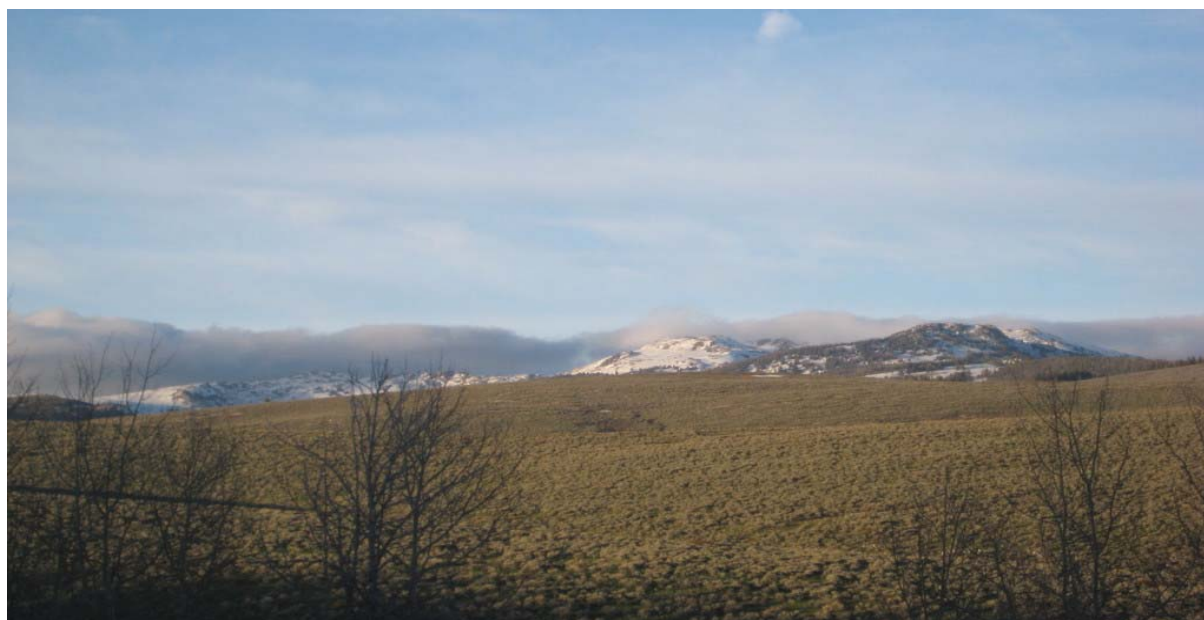


Ethan Fire Phoenix, AZ

PROJECT WORK SUMMARY

The crew started the year doing a fuel reduction around a communication site outside of Meeker, CO. The crew then traveled to Socorro, NM to help out with the Pelona RX. While waiting for a widow for the Pelona RX, the crew prepped another burn outside of Socorro near the White Sands Missile Base. In June, the crew traveled to Wyoming and did an Aspen regeneration project. During the middle of the season the crew removed hazard trees from a camp ground located northwest of Craig, CO. The crew finished project work in Kremmling, CO prepping for a burn and doing mechanical treatments.

Project	Dates	Accomplishments	Location
Little Joe RX		40 acres burned	Little Snake Field Office
Steadtman Mesa	5/11-12	25 acres mech.	White River Field Office
Upper Taylor Canyon	5/17-20	50 acres thinned	Socorro Field Office
Pelona Mnt	5/21-23	Rx prep	Socorro Field Office
Pie Town	5/24-27	15 acres burned, 15 treated	Socorro Field Office
Anthony Timbers	6/2-10	40 acres cut/piled	Worland Field Office
Rocky Reservoir	7/25-26	10 acres hazard tree removal	Little Snake Field Office
Sheep Mnt	9/9-12	100 acres cut/lopped, 2 miles handline	Kremmling Field Office
Grouse Mnt	9/17	23 acres thinned mech.	Kremmling Field Office



Big Horn Mountains June 4

SAFETY



Lonesome Complex Sept 20



Panther Fire August 15

VEHICLES:

A total of 73,531 miles were driven by the four crew vehicles over the season. The crew carriers performed almost flawlessly throughout the season. The only problems with the carriers were that they both had the oil modular go out, and one had a fuel line break. The superintendent's truck had a computer issue early in the season and the chase truck had no mechanical problems at all. There were no vehicle accidents or close calls. All personnel completed a defensive driving and 4x4 driving course.

PERSONNEL:

Overall Safety was excellent throughout the season. There were no light duty issues or major injuries. The only CA-1's filled out were for poison oak and for cautionary injuries.

DETAIL PROGRAM

Name of Detailer	District	Days with Crew
BRANDON VOEGLE	CRAIG DISTRICT BLM. 5/11 – 5/29	(19 DAYS)
AREIL FICK-RIDGEBEAR	CRAIG DISTRICT BLM. 5/11 – 5/29	(19 DAYS)
CHRIS GREEN	CRAIG DISTRICT BLM. 7/20 – 8/18	(28 DAYS)
ZACH WURTZBACH	CRAIG DISTRICT BLM. 7/19 – 7/20	(01 DAY)
AARON KESSLER	CRAIG DISTRICT BLM. 7/8 – 7/19	(11 DAYS)
ERIC OLSEN	U.C.R. 8/21 – 9/2	(12 DAYS)
PARKER COOMBS	U.C.R. 8/21 – 9/2	(12 DAYS)
JONATHON HARE	U.C.R. "SAW" 8/21 – 9/2	(12 DAYS)
ERIC BEERS	WORLAND DISTRICT BLM. 8/21 – 9/2	(35 DAYS)
GABE HARRY	WORLAND DISTRICT BLM. "SAW" 8/21 – 9/26	(35 DAYS)

TRAINING SUMMARY

Course	# of Hours
AAR Felicitation	2
Fire Behavior/Peer Review	7
Leadership in Cinema	10
Annual Fire Refresher	8
Saw Refresher	
Firing Methods	4
Fatality Case Studies (6)	12
Line Construction	8
Field Day	
First Aid/CPR	8
Blood Borne Pathogens	1
Medivac Procedures	4
LCES	2
Entrapment Avoidance	2
Common Denominators	2
Downhill Checklist	2
Crew SOP	4
Agency Ethics/ EEO	2
IA Size Up	2
Strategy/Tactics	2
Conduct for Wildland Fire Community	2
HazMat	1
Defensive Driving	4
4 x 4 Driving	4
Sand Table Exercises	11
Total Training Provided	100 hours



Panther Fire August 15th

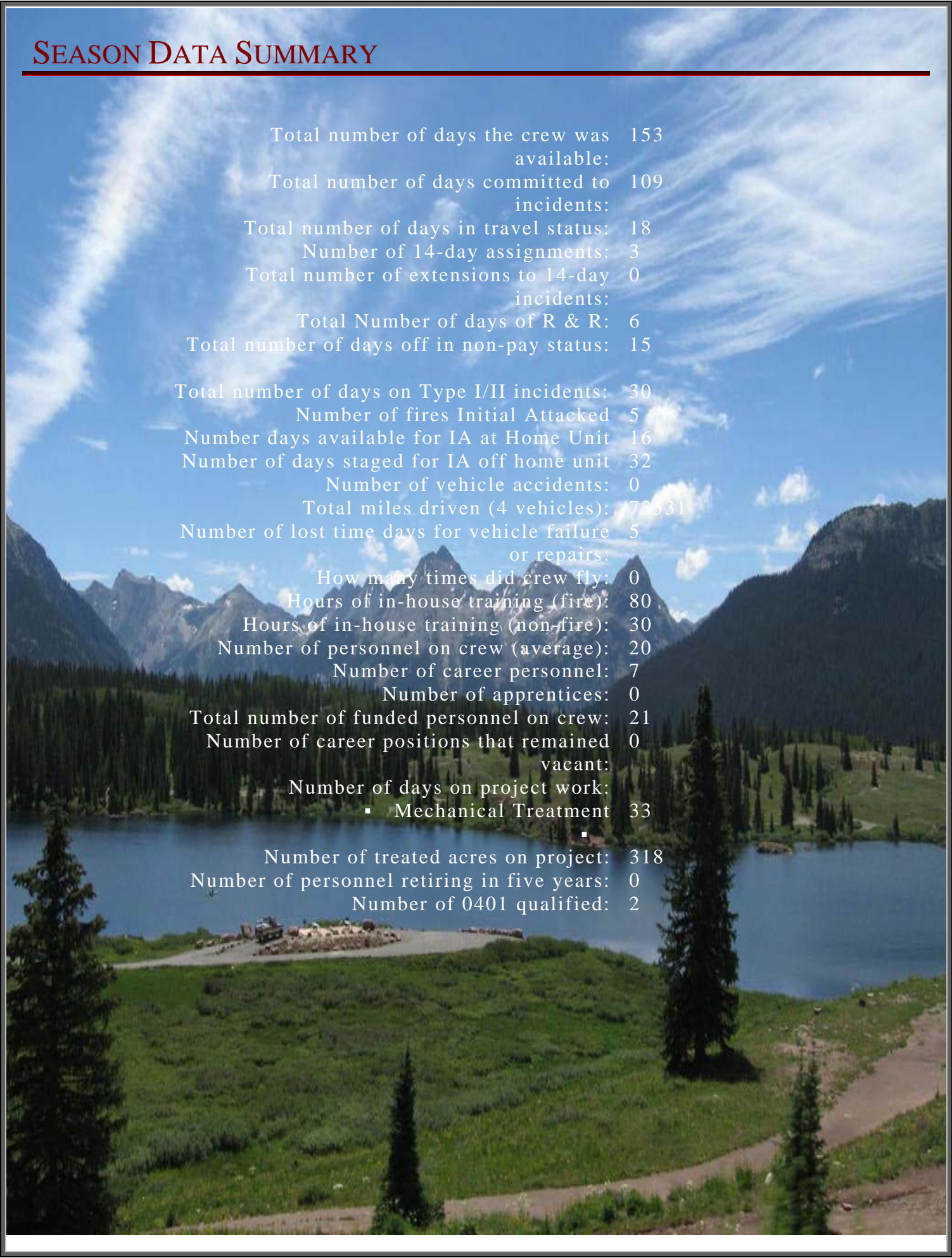
Taskbooks Initiated and Completed

Taskbook	Initiated	Completed
HECM	2	0
CRWB	2	0
FALC	4	0
FALB	4	4
FALA	2	3
FFT1	1	2
ICT4	0	1
1CT5	2	1
DOZB	0	1
FIRB	1	1

ADDITIONAL TRAINING TAKEN:

- L-280 Fireline Leadership
- S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior
- S-230, 231 Single Resource, Engine Boss
- S-131 Advanced Firefighter
- S-133 Look up, Look Around
- S-330 TFLD/STL
- S-212 Power Saws
- S-234 Firing
- S-211 Pumps
- S-271 Helicopter Crewmember

SEASON DATA SUMMARY



Total number of days the crew was available:	153
Total number of days committed to incidents:	109
Total number of days in travel status:	18
Number of 14-day assignments:	3
Total number of extensions to 14-day incidents:	0
Total Number of days of R & R:	6
Total number of days off in non-pay status:	15
Total number of days on Type I/II incidents:	30
Number of fires Initial Attacked	5
Number days available for IA at Home Unit	16
Number of days staged for IA off home unit	32
Number of vehicle accidents:	0
Total miles driven (4 vehicles):	73531
Number of lost time days for vehicle failure or repairs:	5
How many times did crew fly:	0
Hours of in-house training (fire):	80
Hours of in-house training (non-fire):	30
Number of personnel on crew (average):	20
Number of career personnel:	7
Number of apprentices:	0
Total number of funded personnel on crew:	21
Number of career positions that remained vacant:	0
Number of days on project work:	
▪ Mechanical Treatment	33
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Number of treated acres on project:	318
Number of personnel retiring in five years:	0
Number of 0401 qualified:	2



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